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there would be great facility for collecting a large quantity of water, which would bring 1,000 acres of additional land under paddy cultivation. The work would not cost more than Rs. 7,000 and Government might expect an additional revenue of about Rs. 3,000 per year. If the whole cost could not be borne by Government, the Member requested that at least half the cost might be allowed as a grant to the ryots. The ryots would collect the other half by contributions and do the work themselves.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

THODUPUZHA TALUK.

79. Settlement grievances.

Mr. S. Krishna Iyer (Member, Thodupuzha Taluk) said that, at the settlement now going on in the taluk, high rates have been fixed both on wet and garden lands, being two-fold and four-fold respectively as compared to the ayacut rates. Considering the hilly nature of the taluk and the frequent havoc caused by wild animals, the rates fixed were unduly high. Further, the value of even useless trees standing on puthuval lands were also being recovered. The Member therefore prayed for an early reduction of the rates of assessment.

Dewan's reply.—The settlement of the taluk is nearly over.

80. Educational needs.

Mr. S. Krishna Iyer (Member, Thodupuzha Taluk) represented that, for want of an English school in the taluk, the people had to send their boys to other places for purposes of education, and that, owing to lack of means, many were unable to educate their children. In the local Vernacular school, there was not sufficient accommodation for the increasing number of pupils. The Inspector of Schools, as a result of his inspection, ordered that no more students should be admitted into the school. The Member requested that an English school and a girls' school might be opened in Thodupuzha and increased accommodation provided for the local Vernacular school.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

KUNNATNAD TALUK.

81. Establishment of a hospital or dispensary.

Mr. Eravi Narayanan (Member, Kunnatnad Taluk) said that the occupation of the majority of the people of the taluk was hill cultivation and that they were constantly attacked with malarial fever and such other diseases. At present, they had to go to Muvattupuzha or Alwaye for medical

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aid. As this was very inconvenient, he requested that either a hospital might be opened at Perumbavur or that the Kothamangalam dispensary recently abolished might be shifted to Perumbavur. He also prayed that orders might be issued for the supply of larger quantities of medicine to the dispensaries, as the stock supplied was very inadequate.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

82. *Establishment of an English school at Perumbavur.*

Mr. Eravi Narayanan (Member, Kunnatnad Taluk) said that there was now no English school in the taluk, except the one at Edapalli which was situated in one corner of the taluk. He learnt that even this school was shortly to be abolished. The recent enhancement of the school fees also affected the education of the poor students. He requested that either the Edapalli English school might be removed to Perumbavur or that a new one be opened there, and that the old rates of fees might be revived.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

83. *Establishment of a forest depot near Kaladi.*

Mr. Ittoop Ethapanose (Member, Kunnatnad Taluk) said that in the Malayattur division there was only one timber depot, *viz.*, at Verapuzha, and that the people of Kunnatnad, Alangad, Kothamangalam and other places experienced great inconvenience in purchasing timber from Verapuzha. There were also no proper facilities for transport, with the result that the price of timber rose very high. He therefore requested that a forest depot might be opened at Thannipuzha near Kaladi or at Malayattur.

Dewan's reply.—The Conservator reports that a depot at the place will not work properly.

ALANGAD TALUK.

84. *Improvement and construction of roads.*

Mr. Kunjoo Khadir Pillai (Member, Alangad Taluk) said that the conversion of the village road from Angamalee to Manjapra into a cart road would tend to increase the traffic to the Angamalee market, besides affording convenience to the Government officers and others who at present found their journey from the Angamalee railway station to Manjapra tedious and inconvenient. The extension of the road from Angamalee to Parakadavu would also be a convenience to the inhabitants of the locality and would improve the trade of the market at Angamalee. He therefore requested that the village road from Angamalee to Manjapra might be converted into a cart-road and the same extended to Parakadavu.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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